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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 474

DATE PREPARED: Apr 5, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Apr 5, 2001

SUBJECT: Fees for Motor Vehicle Records.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that an electronic record of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles obtained from the Bureau by digital signature that bears an electronic signature is admissible in a court proceeding as if the copy were the original. It provides that fees imposed to obtain a certified copy of a record or an electronic record from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) do not apply to law enforcement agencies and to agencies of government. The bill requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to give precedence to requests from law enforcement agencies and agencies of government for certified copies of records. It provides that in a proceeding, prosecution, or hearing where the prosecuting attorney must prove that the defendant had a prior conviction for a motor vehicle offense, the relevant portions of a certified computer printout or electronic copy made from the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles are admissible as prima facie evidence of the prior conviction. It repeals provisions concerning certified abstracts of operating records.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: It is unlikely that giving precedence to requests from law enforcement agencies and to agencies of government will increase expenditures for the BMV. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

Explanation of State Revenues: The fee for a certified copy of a record or an electronic record is \$4. The bill exempts law enforcement agencies and agencies of government from the \$4 fee. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account into which such fees are deposited. Data on the number of requests by a law enforcement agency and/or agencies of government are not available.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles and other state government agencies, for example the State Police, and the Conservation and Excise Officers, who may request a certified copy of a record or an electronic record.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies and other local government agencies.

Information Sources: